

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) An oven with a shelf arrangement, the oven comprising a cabinet provided with lateral walls, parallel to each other and which define a front opening closed by a lower door which is horizontally tiltable between a closed position, seated against the front opening, and an open position, forwardly projected from the oven, and at least one shelf, comprising:

a pair of rails being provided on each of the lateral walls of the oven and on which respective mutually spaced portions of each corresponding side of the at least one shelf are slidably seated in order to be manually displaceable between an operative position, in which the at least one shelf is retracted in an interior of the oven, and a parallel loading position, in which the at least one shelf is elevated and outwardly displaced in relation to the operative position, each rail comprising a horizontal first extension, on which the at least one shelf seats in the at least one shelf's operative position, and a second extension, connected to the horizontal first extension and upwardly inclined towards the front opening and along which the at least one shelf is displaced between the at least one shelf's operative and parallel loading positions.

2. (Previously presented) A shelf arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the at least one shelf is affixed to a frame comprising at least one more shelf parallel to the at least one shelf.

3. (Previously presented) A shelf arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the at least one shelf is detachably coupled to the lower door of the oven, so that the angular displacement of the lower door between its closed and open positions produces the displacement of the at least one shelf between its operative and loading positions.

4. (Previously presented) A shelf arrangement according to claim 2, wherein the at least one shelf is coupled to the lower door by a pair of mutually parallel driving rods, each having an

internal end detachably articulated to one of the sides of the shelf, and an external end detachably articulated to a corresponding side of the lower door.

5. (Previously presented) A shelf arrangement according to claim 4, wherein the external ends of the driving rods reach a level that is lower than that of the internal ends when the lower door of the oven is taken to a maximum opening position.

6. (Previously presented) A shelf arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the at least one shelf is manually displaceable, in a horizontal path, between the operative position and an intermediate position adjacent to the front opening, and in an upwardly and outwardly inclined path in relation to the oven, between the intermediate position and the loading position.

7. (Previously presented) A shelf arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the at least one shelf is seated on the pair of rails on each of the lateral walls by means of rollers.

8. (Previously presented) A shelf arrangement according to claim 1, wherein each rail has its second extension ending in a recess, to receive and retain a respective roller of the at least one shelf, stabilizing the at least one shelf in the loading position.

9. (Previously presented) A shelf arrangement according to claim 8, wherein each rail comprises a horizontal third extension, arranged in series with the first extension and below the second extension, to be optionally used to conduct the at least one shelf to a loading position that is coplanar and outwardly advanced in relation to the operative position.

10. (Previously presented) A shelf arrangement according to claim 2, the at least one shelf is manually displaceable, in a horizontal path, between the operative position and an intermediate position adjacent to the front opening, and in an upwardly and outwardly inclined path in relation to the oven, between the intermediate position and the loading position.

11. (Previously presented) A shelf arrangement according to claim 3, wherein the at least one shelf is manually displaceable, in a horizontal path, between the operative position and an intermediate position adjacent to the front opening, and in an upwardly and outwardly inclined path in relation to the oven, between the intermediate position and the loading position.

12. (Previously presented) A shelf arrangement according to claim 4, wherein the at least one shelf is manually displaceable, in a horizontal path, between the operative position and an intermediate position adjacent to the front opening, and in an upwardly and outwardly inclined path in relation to the oven, between the intermediate position and the loading position.

13. (Previously presented) A shelf arrangement according to claim 5, wherein the at least one shelf is manually displaceable, in a horizontal path, between the operative position and an intermediate position adjacent to the front opening, and in an upwardly and outwardly inclined path in relation to the oven, between the intermediate position and the loading position.